Construction Update E MONTPELIER Route 14 Bridge – week of October 23, 2017

Hello,

Next week the contractor, CCS Constructors, will continue work on the temporary bridge foundation on both sides of the Winooski River. With the piles set, the contractor will begin setting timber lagging between the piles and will backfill the abutment as the timber lagging is being placed.

View of construction progress on the south abutment for the temporary bridge.

On Route 2, the remainder of the sidewalk will be prepped on Monday, Oct 23, and poured on Tuesday, Oct 24. The remainder of the granite backing curb, behind sidewalk area where the slope is steep, will be set later in the week. Work on the retaining wall near the junction of US 2 and VT 14 will continue next week. The contractor will begin drilling and grouting in rebar to support the new cap blocks on top of the retaining wall. The cap blocks may be set later in the week or early the following week.

Construction activities will occur outside of the roadway and is not expected to affect traffic.

The posted speed limit will remain 25 mph as the area remains a construction zone. Please watch for flaggers who will assist motorists traveling through the work area.

It is illegal in Vermont to use any portable electronic handheld devices while driving. The law carries fines of up to $200 and points assessed if driving within a work zone.

US 2 was recently striped for one lane travel, even though it's wide enough at the VT 14 bridge area for an additional lane. A left turn lane on US 2 will not be established until the new bridge is open and a traffic signal regulates traffic flow. The signal is needed for the safety of left turning traffic, from VT 14 onto US 2 headed west towards Montpelier. If through traffic is allowed, a truck in a left turn lane on US 2, may block visibility of fast-moving US 2 through traffic, resulting in an accident as the westbound left-turning vehicle enters US 2 from VT 14.

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